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SUBJECT: SIGNING OF THE ENMOD CONVENTION

REF: A. STATE 37679; B. STATE 38250

1. AMBASSADOR SHERER CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL BJORNERSTEDT ON MARCH 1 TO EXPLAIN US LEGAL PROBLEMS IN SIGNING ENMOD CONVENTION. AS PER REF A, SHERER REQUESTED THAT SYG DELAY OPENING OF THE ENMOD CONVENTION FOR SIGNATURE UNTIL THESE PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED AND SIMULTANEOUS US/SOVIET SIGNATURE IS POSSIBLE.

2. BJORNERSTEDT NOTED THAT THE SECRETARIAT'S WORK ON ENGLISH, RUSSIAN, FRENCH AND SPANISH TEXTS IS ALREADY COMPLETED AND THAT CHINESE AND ARABIC TEXTS WILL BE READY THIS WEEK. HE ESTIMATED THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD BE IN POSITION NEXT WEEK TO CIRCULATE AGREED TEXTS TO ALL MEMBER STATES IN PREPARATION FOR OPENING OF CONVENTION FOR SIGNATURE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF US REQUEST, HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO SYG
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WALDHEIM THAT DISTRIBUTION OF AGREED TEXTS TO MEMBER STATES BE DELAYED PENDING RESOLUTION OF US LEGAL PROBLEMS. BHORNERSTEDT FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT, IF ASKED, SECRETARIAT WOULD EXPLAIN THAT DELAY IS DUE TO DIFFICULTIES IN PREPARING THE TEXTS AND WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ALLUDE TO US REQUEST.

3. BJORNERSTEDT ALSO INFORMED US THAT SYG WALDHEIM HAS SHOWN STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN ENMOD SIGNING CEREMONY SINCE THIS IS FIRST DISARMAMENT CONVENTION FOR WHICH HE IS THE DEPOSITARY. WALDHEIM BELIEVES THAT MAXIMUM EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PUBLICIZE THE SIGNING CEREMONY IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT CONVENTION WILL BE SIGNED ON FIRST DAY BY A LARGE NUMBER OF STATES AND AT A HIGH LEVEL. BHORNERSTEDT EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT WALDHEIM WOULD AGREE TO REQUESTED DELAY AND PROMISED TO INFORM US OF HIS RESPONSE.

4. AS PER REF B, POLITICAL COUNSELLOR INFORMED SOVIET COUNSELLOR TULINOV ON FEBRUARY 23 OF OUR INTENTION TO APPROACH SECRETARIAT ON THIS MATTER. TULINOV OBSERVED THAT SOVIETS ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO SIMULTANEOUS US/SOVIET SIGNATURE ON OPENING DAY IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OTHER STATES ALSO TO SIGN AT EARLY MOMENT. HE ADDED THAT INFORMAL SOVIET SURVEY INDICATED THAT ABOUT 38 OTHER STATES WERE READY TO SIGN ENMOD CONVENTION ON OPENING DAY AND ANOTHER 29 HAD INDICATED READINESS TO SIGN SHORTLY THEREAFTER. TULINOV ALSO NOTED THAT SOVIETS HAD REACHED NO FIRM DECISION AS TO LEVEL OF SIGNATURE OR VENUE EXCEPT THAT THEY DID WANT THE SIGNING CEREMONY TO BE AT A HIGH LEVEL.
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